



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

YAMADA et al.

Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 09/359,793

Examiner: M. Fletcher

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For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

**Box Issue Fee**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Date: July 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An audio signal processing apparatus capable of changing the tempo of an input audio signal, said apparatus comprising:

magnification designating means capable of designating a plurality of different magnifications, said different magnifications being at least one of  $1/n$  and  $n$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer;

means capable of automatically detecting beats per minute of the input audio signal or a beat period of the input audio signal, changing said beats per minute or said

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